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IMCOM civilian named Army Editor of the Year for third time

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HEIDELBERG, Germany – An Installation management Command-Europe employee assigned to the document management branch of the human resources division was named Army Editor of the Year—for the third time.

The award recognizes Marcus A. Cox for excellence in his career field. Soon, Cox will travel to Washington where the Secretary of the Army will once again shake his hand.

“It’s really a team effort,” Cox said about being named Editor of the Year each of the three times that he entered the competition. “A lot of the credit for [winning] goes to my boss. He is really detail oriented.”

Department of the Army employees from throughout the world compete each year for the title of Army Editor of the Year. To be eligible, they must be responsible for editing administrative publications, and be assigned to a major command, a corps or a division.

Competition packets must include both before and after samples of the editor’s work. These samples must demonstrate how the editor helped the author obtain his or her intended objectives.

“Having a finished product that’s useful, that’s meaningful, I love it,” Cox said about his day-to-day work of shaping documents into award-winning material.

While most editors are able to develop a finished product that works, Cox said, to excel, an editor must be detail oriented.

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“Good editors tend to be perfectionists, at times,” he said.

Cox’s job, though entails more than the occasional need for perfectionism. From July 2005 through June 2006, he edited 64 administrative publications (regulations, pamphlets and circulars) and 225 pieces of command and agency correspondence. He admits that he could not do what he does without the support of everyone in the document management branch.

“When we get done [with a product] it’s not just one person,” Cox said. “We’ve got forms people who create the forms, copy prep people that prepare the copy, web masters and publication control officers. There are lots of people involved before you get to a final document ... I think that we all work together well because the standards are high. People take pride in their work.”

The pride Cox speaks of is demonstrated in the amount of recognition his office has received. This is the 12th time it has been recognized by the Secretary of the Army for excellence in the field of administrative publishing.

Cox will receive his award from the Secretary of the Army during a ceremony scheduled to take place at the Pentagon on March 13.

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The U.S. Army Installation Management Command, Europe Region (IMCOM-Europe) is one of six regional offices created Oct. 24, 2006, (formerly known as Installation Management Agency) as part of an Army-wide initiative to focus management of Army installations around the world under one organization. IMCOM-Europe is responsible for all facets of support for U.S. Army Soldiers and families in Europe from drivers' licenses to child care to force protection. As the landlord for all U.S. Army facilities in Europe, IMCOM-Europe is responsible for infrastructure and continuing the Army's strong commitment to environmental protection. Its higher headquarters is located in Arlington, Va.